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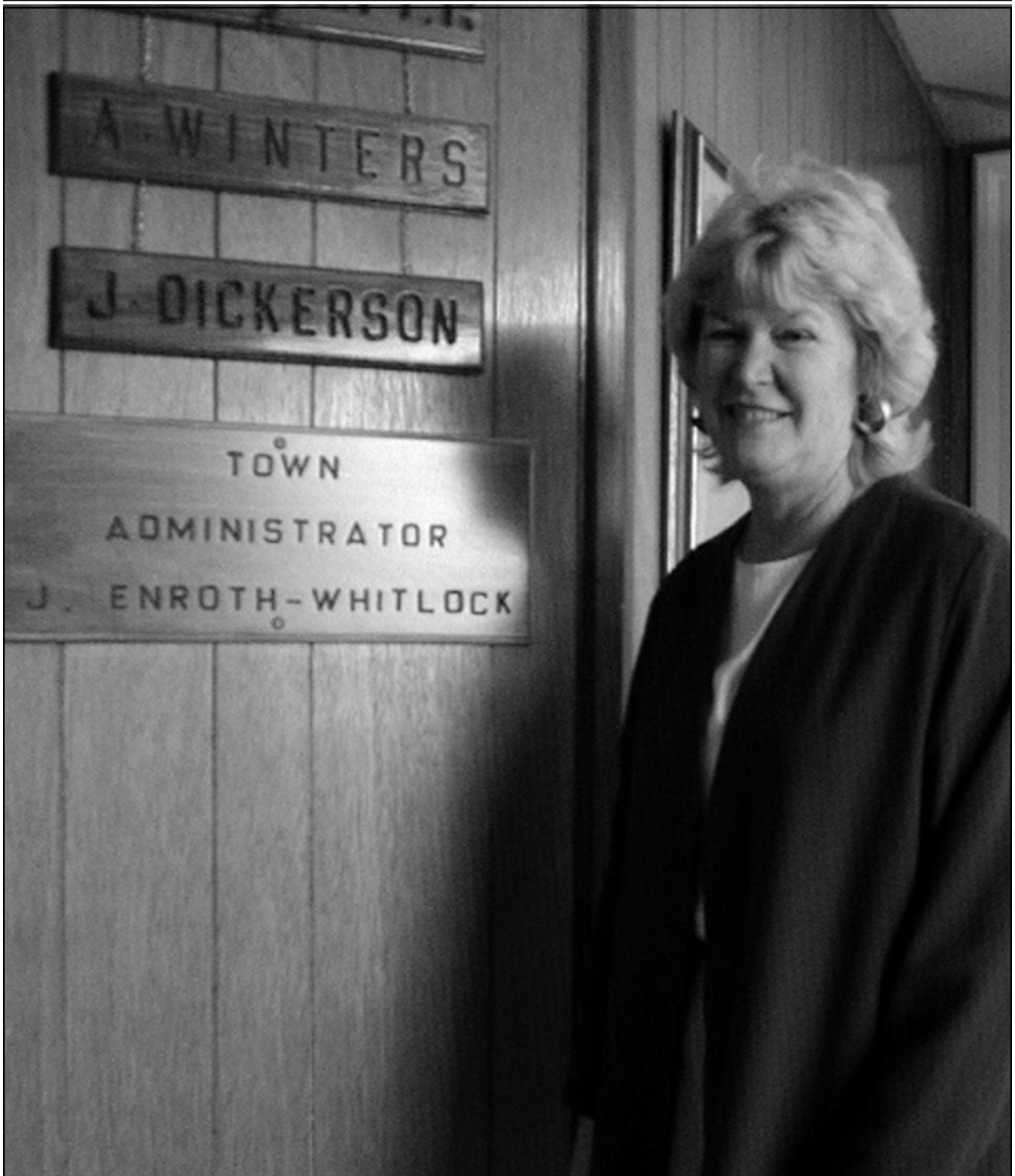
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Marion Administrator Returns to Roots

By Kenneth J. Souza

Newly-appointed Marion Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock may appear a fresh face to some in the tri-town area, but she's also quite familiar to others, having previously served on both the Rochester Finance Committee and as that town's first female Selectman in the mid-1970s. After a difficult year-long search for someone to replace the retiring Ray Pickles as the town's Executive Secretary and Town Administrator, Marion has given Ms. Enroth-Whitlock the opportunity to return to the area where her interest in small-town politics first began. Ms. Enroth-Whitlock took time from her busy first week in the Marion Town House to talk about her past experiences and her recent return home.

Wanderer: You first started working in politics in the Town of Rochester?

Enroth-Whitlock: I was on the Finance Committee in Rochester ... in (the 1970s) through the early 1980s. I then became the Administrative Assistant in Westport for five years. And during that period I still lived in Rochester. I was the first female Selectman in Rochester.

Wanderer: During your swearing-in ceremony last week, (former Rochester Selectman) Harry Brown told me he was the one who first got you involved in politics.

Enroth-Whitlock: Harry is the one who appointed me to the Finance Committee when I first came to town. I was on that for about six years and took a year off ... then there was a vacancy on the Board of Selectmen, and people talked me into running — Harry being one of them!

Wanderer: What first appealed to you about getting involved in town politics at that time?

Enroth-Whitlock: I was always interested in town government — I was a political science major. At that point in my life I was mainly a mother and a house wife ... so I wanted to do something to get involved in the community, keep me busy, and give me another outlet outside of the home. When my husband died, that's when I got the job in Westport. I was there for five years. I was the Administrative Assistant ... it's just like the Town Administrator. From there I went to Wellfleet — I was the first Town Administrator there under (a new) charter. And then I moved to the Cape.

Wanderer: What are some of the differences or similarities between the different towns where you've worked?

Enroth-Whitlock: Well each town has its own personality. Each one is different, really. The personality of the town and how they approach things is different. The governmental set-ups in each one of these towns has been different, too. In Wellfleet, it was much more centralized — they had gone through a whole new charter process, and all the duties and functions of my

position were specified in the charter. Whereas the other communities that I've worked in, it hasn't been as structured or centralized. Longmeadow was the last place I worked — just south of Springfield on the Connecticut line. It's a suburb, basically, of Springfield and Hartford.

Wanderer: It's interesting that you decided to come back "home," so-to-speak — but you didn't apply in the first-round search for a Marion Town Administrator,



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On the cover: Newly-appointed Marion Town Administrator Julia Enroth-Whitlock, who is returning to the tri-town area after previously serving on both the Rochester Finance Committee and as the town's first female Selectman, was sworn in last week to take over the reins from long-time Town Administrator Ray Pickles, who retired from the position after 28 years. (Photo by Kenneth J. Souza).

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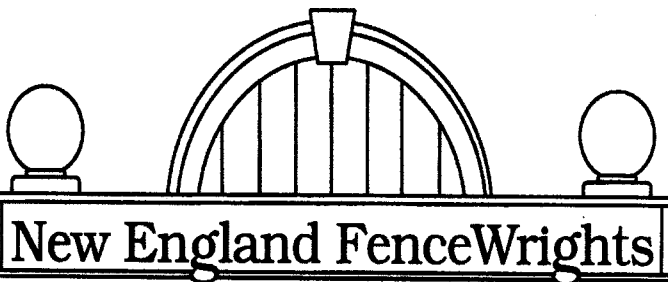
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did you?

Enroth-Whitlock: Well, I didn't know about it. It's sort of interesting — I've known Ray (Pickles) and knew that he was looking to retire sometime soon, but I hadn't paid much more attention to it. When it was in the newspaper that they'd offered the job to someone from Westport, I was talking to my son who lives in Dartmouth, and he just happened to mention it to me. I thought: "Oh, gee, I didn't even know there had been a job opening there." And I jokingly said: "I always thought that would be a nice job to have." (My son) called me back and said: "Guess what, Mother? The job is open again!" (laughing) So he kept after me (to apply). At the time I had no intention of leaving Longmeadow, it was a good job, I liked the town. But the more I thought about it, I thought I'd give (Marion) a try. I thought I'd come back to the area sooner than I anticipated ... I had always planned to retire down this way. This would give me a chance to come back sooner — most of my family and a lot of my friends are still in the area.

Wanderer: Maybe it worked out best for everyone — the Board of Selectmen was very disappointed that the other candidate turned the position down.

Enroth-Whitlock: And he was from Westport, too. That's kind of ironic. It was sort of interesting the way it all came about ... and it wasn't preplanned, that's for sure! It just sort of happened as things went along and I got more involved in the process.

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Wanderer: Having lived and served in Rochester, you must know the area quite well.

Enroth-Whitlock: Yes, and it hasn't changed that much, really. Some of the immediate area hasn't changed — when you get into Fairhaven, that's when you notice the changes. You wonder: "Where did all these places come from?"

Wanderer: What do you like about Marion and what appealed to you about this position?

Enroth-Whitlock: Well, I like its small-town atmosphere. It seems to be a very warm community. Years ago, when I did live in Rochester, I was involved in the Loft School and the League of Women Voters during my early years in this area and I also belonged to St. Gabriel's

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Church — so I had that period in my life with a lot of contacts in Marion. (I also) spent a lot of time at Silvershell Beach, because I love the beach!

Wanderer: How will it be to fill Ray Pickles' shoes after such a long tenure?

Enroth-Whitlock: The fact that I've known Ray for a lot of years and the fact that he's still around I think is helpful. I can ask him questions as things come up and he has that history of how things came to be the way they are — I find that to be quite helpful. It's a big change for everybody to have someone new in the position after all these years. With most of the positions similar to this, I think the average tenure is something like five years. The fact that he has been here for so long is unusual. There will be adjustments for everybody, including me. My approach has always been to get in, get my feet wet, get a sense of how things are run, and why things are done certain ways — before I even try to assess things or suggest changes.

Wanderer: What are some of the key challenges for the Marion Town Administrator's position?

Enroth-Whitlock: Right now, the challenge is learning — learning all the issues and becoming familiar with the people, finding out who's who. That's certainly the initial challenge. There are a lot of things going on (in Marion) right now ... from the Sippican School building project to the wastewater filtration project that's coming up. I'm also going to be meeting with the individual department heads this week to get to know them better and find out about their own projects and issues.

Wanderer: Do you see yourself staying in Marion for a long time like Ray Pickles?

Enroth-Whitlock: At this point, I don't look to the future. I found that in my own situation it's difficult for me to plan long-term ... things come up in your life that you have no control over that sometimes change that. I

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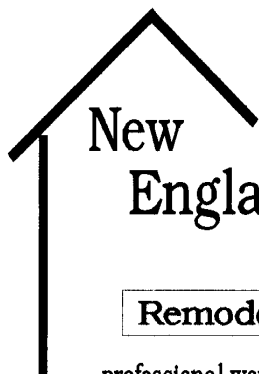
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certainly don't see myself going to any other job (after this). I've made my way back to the area and I certainly don't intend to leave it. In fact, I never thought I'd be applying for another job, period! But this time I keep saying: "Okay, this *is* the last time!"

Marion Selectmen's Meeting

February 20, 2001

By Kenneth J. Souza

A regular meeting of the Marion Board of Selectmen was called to order on Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00 pm by Chairman Albert Winters. Also present were Selectman Loretta B. Schaefer, Selectman Jonathan "Jody" Dickerson, and Town Administrator Julie Enroth-

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"We're certainly very pleased that you're here — and it's much better looking at you than Ray (Pickles)," Chairman Winters mused. "In the short time you've been here, you've already given us some good advice and suggestions. We want to welcome you and remind you that you're sole purpose here is to keep us out of jail."

"Just think, you only have 1,455 meetings to go before you can retire — that's 28 years," Selectman Dickerson added, referring to Ms. Enroth-Whitlock's predecessor's long tenure.

There being no meeting minutes to approve this week, the board unanimously signed and approved various treasury and payroll warrants for the week and then reviewed incoming correspondence, beginning with a letter from Planning Board Vice Chairman Robert F. Bennett asking for assistance in helping to develop a town-wide survey in collaboration with Intern Susan McGrath who is working to update the town's Master Plan.

The board received notification from the Division of Marine Fisheries advising of annual reissue of closures for Holmes Brook, Jobs Cove, #57 Water Street, and the Beaver Dam Brook. The Department of Environmental

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Protection (DEP) also submitted a copy of an Application from Moorings Breakwater Trust to license and maintain an existing pier/breakwater and rip/rap at the end of Moorings Road.

The board received a copy of the Herring Schedule approved at the Annual Herring Meeting held on January 31, 2001, and also the minutes from that meeting. Following is the fee schedule for 2001: \$15 a bushel (River Run); \$2 a dozen (Mixed Fish); \$3 a dozen (Select Fish); \$3 a pint (Roe); \$5 a bushel (Cut Fish); \$5 a dozen (Live Bait Fish); 2 bushel per week limit (Commercial); 1 bushel per week limit (Family). The catching limit for the season is 50 bushels and Herring Inspectors from Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester are to be present at all times when catching is being conducted.

AT&T Broadband submitted notification of rate and service changes for cable television subscribers in the Town of Marion, along with a copy of "Important Customer Information." Ms. Enroth-Whitlock said that copies of all the submitted literature are available at Town Hall for public perusal.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) also sent a detailed copy of the decision recently rendered upon an application from the Sardinha Family Trust for a Special Permit for a Fast-Food Restaurant located at 450 Wareham Street (Route 6) — the proposed site for a Dunkin' Donuts franchise.

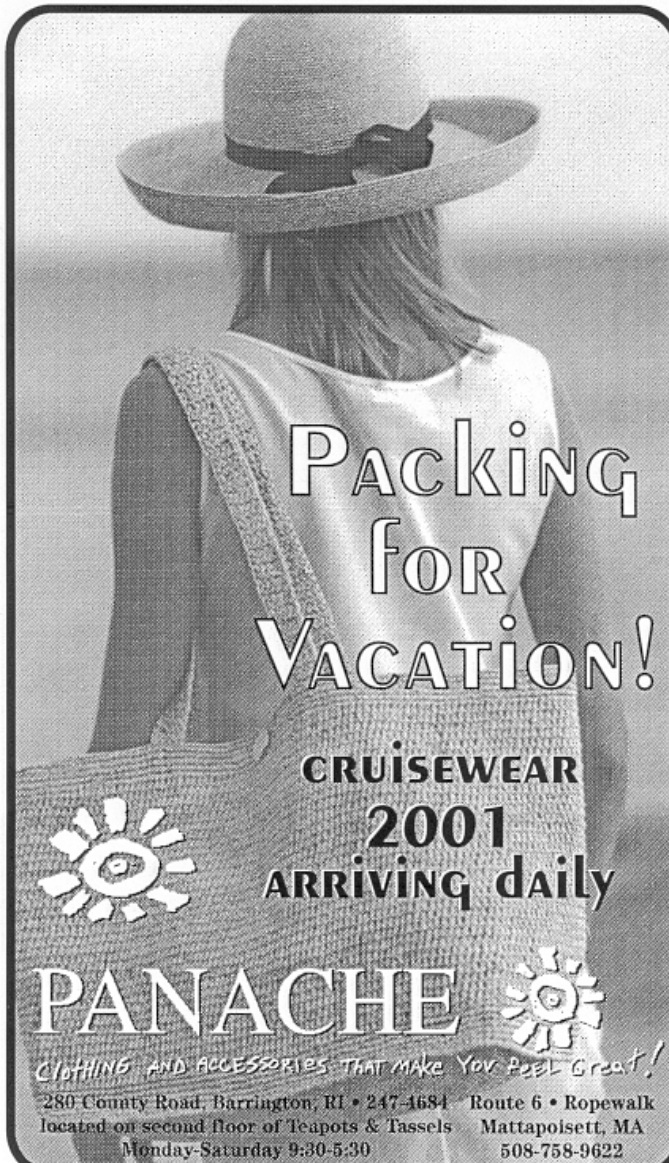
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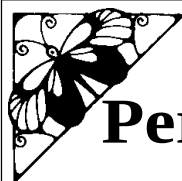
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Given various input from residents and the potential impact of traffic pulling out onto Route 6 from the establishment's proposed drive-up window, the ZBA voted to deny the application for a Special Permit in this case, noting "the ZBA has determined that the adverse effects of the proposed use outweigh its beneficial impacts to the town or the neighborhood."

The Massachusetts Department of Food and Agriculture next submitted a reminder that the board needs to nominate an Animal Inspector for the town. Ms. Enroth-Whitlock advised that the deadline is March 1. With that, the board unanimously voted to reappoint Animal Control Officer Susan King as the town's Animal Inspector for 2001.

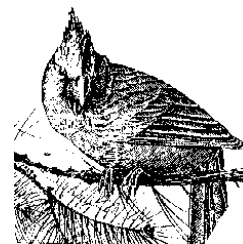
Under the Town Administrator's report for the week, Ms. Enroth-Whitlock first suggested that they set a March 1 deadline for submission of articles for the 2001 Annual Town Meeting warrant. "I'm used to setting the same date for fiscal and petition articles," Ms. Enroth-Whitlock said. When she asked if a notice should be published in the local newspapers, the board advised that they generally announce the deadline at meetings and that usually will suffice.

Ms. Enroth-Whitlock also informed the board that she has requested a Reserve Fund Transfer to pay an outstanding balance to the MPF Corporation, which was sanctioned by the Finance Committee (FinCom). The

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The Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) sent information regarding recent changes in Municipal Law, the bulk of which pertains to Procurement Law and an increase in the thresholds for Chapter 30B funds.

Likewise, she received notification of changes in the Chapter 70 Local Education Aid Formula — changes which really don't affect funding for the Town of Marion. "I'm not surprised," said Selectman Schaefer.

Lastly, Ms. Enroth-Whitlock noted that she has scheduled meetings with the various department heads throughout the week so that she could meet with them all, one-on-one, and get to know them and their departments better. "I hope to start having monthly meetings beginning in April," she said.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 7:22 pm.

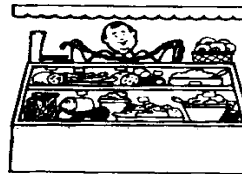
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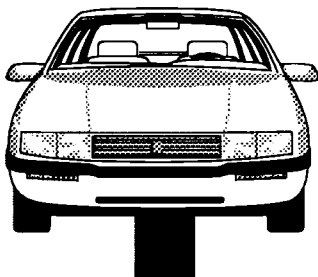
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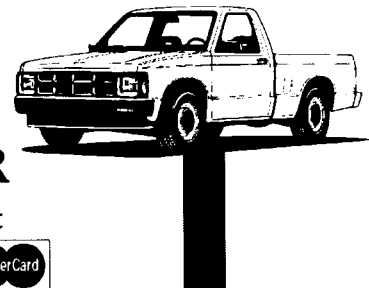
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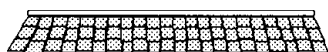
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The **Mattapoisett Recreation Committee** is pleased to announce the **Aerobics Classes** will once again be offered this year. Classes begin on February 27 and run through April 10. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. The cost is \$48 per person and pre-registration is required. Residents from the tri-town area are eligible (Mattapoisett residents have preference). Applications are available at the Town Hall or by calling **John Haley** at **758-4587**.

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

The Mattapoisett Historical Society recently held a "Visions" meeting for the purpose of exploring the role of the Historical Society and the Museum in the life of the Town of Mattapoisett and what our focus should be for the next 20 years.

Those attending were a cross-section of the town including Historical Society members, education, business, newcomers, and young people. It was a very productive meeting and will, hopefully, result in new programs and new directions for the Society.

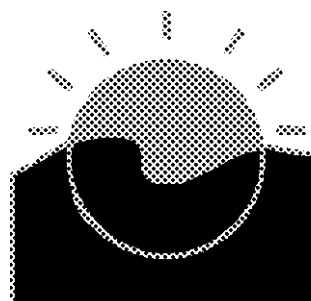
I want to publicly thank those who participated and encourage them to keep thinking creatively. I also open the invitation to anyone else in town who might have constructive/creative thoughts about the role of our Society and your Museum to share them with us.

Sincerely,
Seth Mendell, President
Mattapoisett Historical Society

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money for costly prescription drugs. The Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services has informed the Commonwealth's veteran population that prescription drugs are now available through the VA for only \$2 for a 30-day supply or at no charge if the veteran cannot afford to pay. In addition to providing state benefits to veterans, the Department's responsibility is to inform veterans about available benefits either from the state or federal governments and to assist in obtaining them.

According to Commissioner of Veterans Services, Tom Kelley: "We want every Massachusetts veteran to know there is a new program making available low-cost prescription drugs to eligible veterans now available from the Veterans Administration — regardless of a veteran's economic circumstance or if the need is service-connected. Every city and town in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has a Veterans Service Officer who is available to guide local veterans in obtaining a 30-day supply of a prescription drug for only \$2 or free in some cases."

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Mattapoisett Democratic Caucus

Registered Democrats in Mattapoisett will be holding a caucus at the Mattapoisett Town Hall at 2:00 pm on Saturday, March 3 to elect four delegates and four alternates to the 2001 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. Delegates are divided equally between women and men.

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Early Childhood Council

The Tri-Town Early Childhood Council will meet at the Center School in Mattapoisett on Monday, March 12 beginning at 6:00 pm. The council oversees the work of "Community Partnerships for Children," a grant from the Massachusetts Department of Education which is intended to increase the affordability and accessibility of early care and education programs for three- and four-year-olds as well as to provide support to families raising young children. Subcommittees will be presenting reports of upcoming events and activities. Child care and snacks will be provided free-of-charge. Pre-registration for child care is required. For more information or to register for child care, please call the office of Jane Taylor, Early Childhood Coordinator at 748-1863. Community participation is encouraged.

Tri-County Band Concert

The Tri-County Symphonic Band will give the final concert of its current season on Sunday, March 18 at 3:00 pm in the main auditorium of UMass Dartmouth titled "Welcome to Spring." Under the leadership of George Dietzler, its music director, the concert band is completing its 39th season of bringing fine instrumental music to southeastern Massachusetts. The concerts are made possible in part by grants from local cultural councils in New Bedford, Fairhaven, Mattapoisett,



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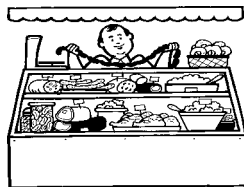
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Mattapoisett Special Town Meeting

A Special Town Meeting will be held for registered voters in Mattapoisett on Monday, March 5 at 7:00 pm in the auditorium of Old Rochester Regional High School. The last day to register for the Town Meeting is Friday, February 23 at 8:00 pm at the Town Clerk's office. The purpose of the Special Town Meeting is to consider Zoning By-Law changes.

Sippican Choral Society

The Sippican Choral Society will present a concert performance of Sigmund Romberg's classic operetta, *The Student Prince* at the Music Hall in Marion on Saturday and Sunday, March 3 and 4. The Saturday concert begins at 8:00 pm, and the Sunday concert at 4:00 pm.

Guest soloists for this love story about the crown prince who went to college are Krishan Oberoi, who will sing the part of stuffy-then-humbled Karl Franz, and Patrice Tiedemann, who will sing the lovely and innocent barmaid Kathy's part. Karen Antonsen-DeVoe, a member of the chorus, will sing the part of the arranged Bride-Princess of Silesia, Stephanie.

Chorus members will sing duets, trios, and small group numbers as well. Women will sing *The Inn of the Golden Apples* to welcome Heidelberg University students to the inn, and men will sing the well known *Drinking Song* as well as *Gaudeamus Igitur* and *To the Inn Were Marching*. Karl Franz and Kathy will sing the lovely old favorite *Deep in my Heart*, as well as *In Paris*.

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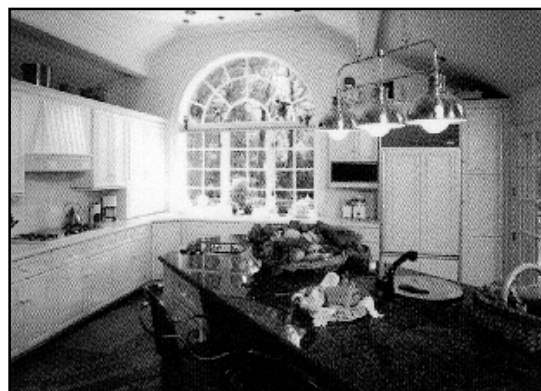
May, for example, the chorus' Spring Concert will be devoted exclusively to the songs of Irving Berlin.

Tickets for the March 3 and 4 performances of *The Student Prince* are \$10 per person and are now available at The Bookstall in Marion, Seaport Village Ice Cream & Coffee Shop in Mattapoisett, and Margaret's Hallmark Card Shop in Wareham. Chorus members also have tickets for sale, and there may be a few tickets available at the door on the day of the concert. Seating is limited, and so it is important to purchase tickets as soon as possible.

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- July 11 - Band Concert/Strawberry Fest, 7:30 to 9:00 pm;
- July 13, 14 and 15 - Harbor Days 2001.

Tickets for most events are available at Don's Tire and Auto and G.H. Dunn Insurance Agency.

LWV School Study Committee

The Tri-Town League of Women Voters (LWV) is continuing its research into the ramifications of fully-regionalizing local schools. Last month, the League's study committee met with the Center School and Old Hammondtown School Councils. On Tuesday, February 27 at 4:00 pm, the study committee will consult the Sippican School Council in Marion. On Wednesday, March 21 at 3:30 pm, they will meet with the Rochester Memorial School's Council. As always, these meetings are open to the public and visitors are welcome.

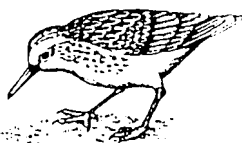
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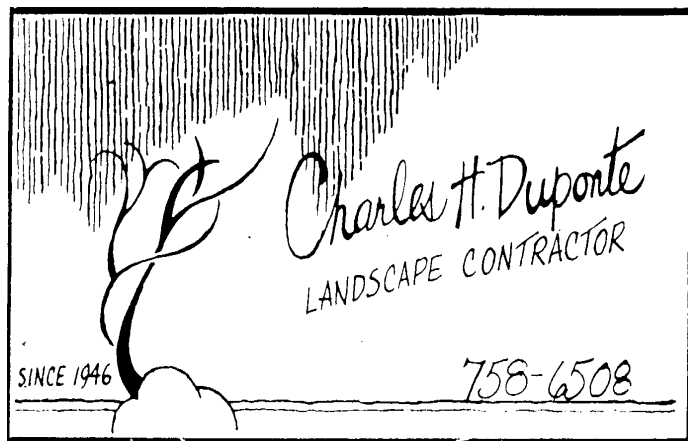


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The speaker will be William T. Nicholson, Superintendent of Water and Sewers in Mattapoisett. Much has happened since Nick's last visit with the group and he will bring everyone up-to-date with the current status of several department projects. Callers are



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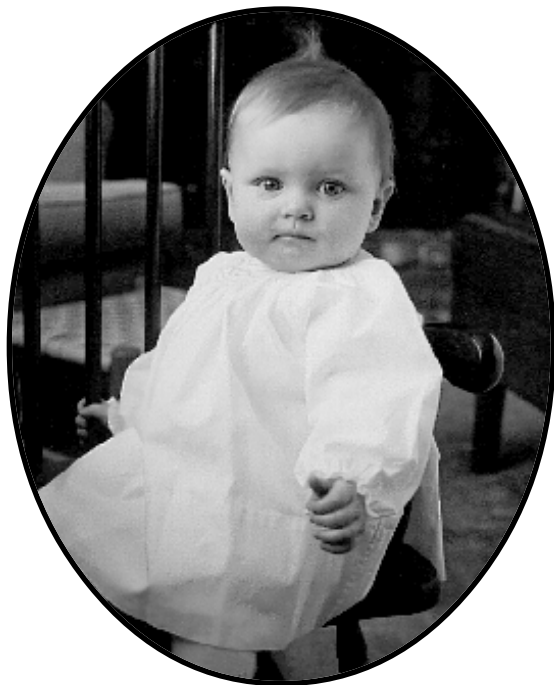


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The Rochester Police Brotherhood has tentatively scheduled a basketball game with the Harlem Rockets to be held at Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School during April. This event will be free-of-charge to those donating to the fund drive. Last year's magic show was a huge success and the Brotherhood expects nothing less from the game. The drive is conducted by TCI America, should you experience any problems related to their conduct, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Rochester Police Brotherhood at 763-5112.

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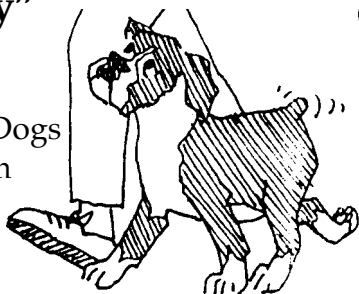
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The school is looking for new goods and services to be auctioned off. Values and donors names will be listed in the auction's booklet, unless otherwise noted. Brunch will be served at 11:00 am. Brunch with complimentary paddle is a \$15 donation per adult and \$8

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Mattapoisett Council on Aging

St. Patrick's Day

A St. Patrick's Day Party will be held on Thursday, March 15 at 12:00 noon. Tickets are on a first-come, first-served basis and no tickets will be saved.

Tri-County Concert

Tickets are available for the Tri-County Concert on Sunday, March 18.

Old Colony Trip

The Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School Trip will be on Monday, March 12. Please contact the COA office (758-4110) to let them know if you are going so they can make arrangements at the school.

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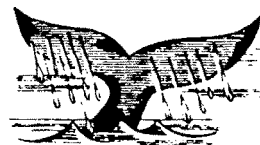
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The SRTA Bus has started a new route from Fairhaven to Mattapoisett. It goes to Village Court five times a day, six days a week. The route makes going to Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Shaw's, and Stop & Shop very easy. The cost is only 50 cents. Please take advantage of this new bus route.

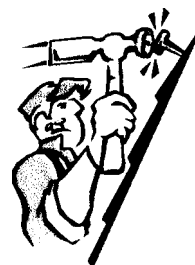
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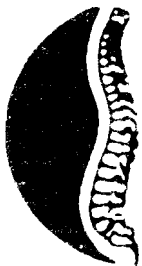
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Fuel Assistance applications are available at the Mattapoisett Senior Center. You need to call 758-4110 to set up an appointment. There is a list of documents you need to bring with you.

SHINE Counselor

The SHINE Counselor is available at the Senior Center on Monday from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon to assist with any questions about health insurance. You do not need an appointment to see him. He will assist you with any questions you have about health care.

Tri-Town Phone Book

All current advertisers in the Marion/Mattapoisett/Rochester Telephone Directory ("The Blue Book") who have not returned their renewal forms are urged to do so as soon as possible. Forms were mailed to all advertisers in mid-January but the League of Women Voters (LWV) understands the problem of paperwork overload, so if a replacement is necessary, please call editor Chris Reid (508-748-3251) or Tracy Donovan-Lynch (508-295-1042), or write to League of Women Voters, P.O. Box 812, Marion, MA 02738, Attn: Phone Directory.

New local enterprises and professionals are urged to advertise. The LWV Tri-Town Directory goes free to every postal address (over 7,000) in Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester and any newcomer during the year may pick up a copy, without cost, at The Bookstall in Marion. Questions, as well as requests for forms, should be directed to the editors listed above, and they will be answered promptly. Many advertisers successfully use their business cards or current ad cuts; however, a new ad may be created at a minimum extra charge to the very reasonable basic rate.

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Variety Show at ORR

The Mattapoisett Lions Club will present its fourth annual "An Evening of Entertainment" at Old Rochester Regional High School on Saturday, March 3 at 7:15 pm. This 16-act variety show features locally-known talent, including such entertainment as vocalists, dance groups, musical bands, guitarists and pianists. Some of these performers have appeared at the Hardware Cafe in Marion.

Ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children (ages 12 and under). There is general admission seating for this program. Door will open at 6:30 pm. During intermission, great raffle prizes will be awarded to the

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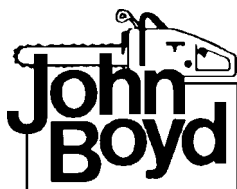
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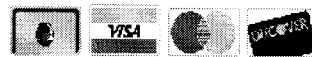
Based on the success of the past three variety shows, this year's event is expected to be a blockbuster. Come and have a good time and see your hometown stars and friends entertain!

Rochester Spaghetti Dinner

The North Rochester Congregational Church on North Avenue in Rochester (known affectionately as the "Old North") will sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 24 (storm date, March 3) with sittings at 5:00 and 6:00 pm. Dinner is served in the basement meeting room of the church, and will consist of spaghetti with meatballs and sauce, rolls, salad, punch, and a line of homemade desserts featuring pies, as well as other traditional desserts such as brownies and puddings.

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Admission is FREE and the public is invited to attend. Books will be available for purchase and inscription at the event.

Fairhaven Evening School

The Fairhaven Evening School will hold its Spring 2001 session on Monday, February 26 and Wednesday, February 28 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the Fairhaven High School cafeteria. The Evening School, begun in the Fall of 1999, will offer the following courses:

- Monday - Introduction to Basketry; Computer Exploration for Seniors; Cake Decoration; Introduction to Windows and Word; Stained Glass; Open Darkroom; Advanced MS Word.

- Wednesday - Introduction to Photography; Exploring the Internet; Web Page Design and Advanced Internet Concepts; Introduction to Excel and PowerPoint; Computer-Aided Design 3-D; Hand Quilting; Painting with Watercolors; Knitting and Crocheting; Spanish for Work and Travel.

In addition, an SAT Prep course and GED Prep course will be offered on Monday and Wednesday evenings. All interested can also take part in Real Estate Seminars, Active Parenting Seminars, and Grief Counseling Seminars. Courses are open to all local residents. The Spring 2001 session will run Monday and Wednesday evenings from March 12 to May 16 at Fairhaven High School. For more information or to request a catalogue, please call Heather Albritton,

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Museum Passes

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library now loans passes to the following institutions: Buttonwood Park and Zoo, New Bedford; Children's Museum, Boston; Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston; John F. Kennedy Library, Boston; Museum of Fine Arts, Boston; New Bedford Whaling Museum, New Bedford; New England Aquarium, Boston; Plimoth Plantation, Plymouth; Roger Williams Park and Zoo, Providence, RI; and the Science Museum, Boston. The library also provides access to more than 6,000 e-books via www.netlibrary.com (thanks to a pilot program set up by the BPL's Statewide Reference and Referral Center, funded by the MBLC). Please ask a librarian to help set up your account so that the Mattapoisett Library receives credit for the 24-hour loans.

What's New?

Some of the new items at the Mattapoisett Public Library include: feature film videos, seven-day bestsellers, many new reference titles, and recorded books/Books on Tape (both abridged and unabridged). Coming soon: Value Line and Morningstar (Stock and Mutual Fund guides); CDs, music and books, and DVDs, and a new

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Book Discussion Group

Are you interested in reading and writing? The Mattapoisett Free Public Library is starting a Book Discussion Group. Please contact Judy at 758-4171 or Randi at 758-2365.

Chicken Pie in Marion

The Marion Methodist Church, 13 County Road in Marion, will sponsor a Chicken Pie Supper on Saturday, March 3 at 5:30 pm. The menu will consist of chicken pie, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, cranberry sauce, rolls, beverage, and dessert. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. Please call Jane Ladner for reservations at 748-0476.

Rochester Parking Permits

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ARTCAMP meets on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. There are three two-week sessions: Session I (July 10 - July 19); Session II (July 24 - August 2) and Session III (August 7 - August 16). There is a "show" at the end of each session, and there is a different theme each time, so everyday there are new and different activities.

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Exhibition Committee

The Exhibition Committee of the Marion Art Center will meet on Tuesday, February 27 at 4:00 pm to review work for possible shows next year. Artists wishing to be considered should submit slides or bring six original pieces to the Art Center the day of the meeting. Gallery hours are Tuesday - Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 pm, and Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. For more information and a copy of the artists' guidelines, please call 748-1266.

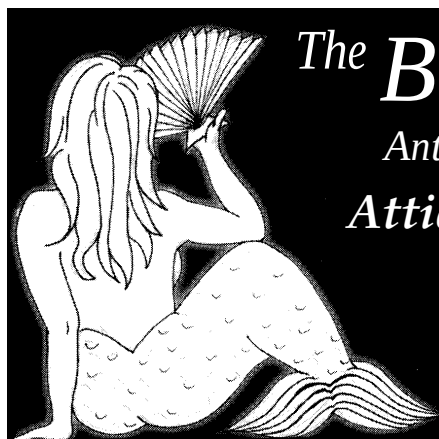
Art Enrichment

An Art Enrichment Class for three- and four-year-olds will be held on Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:00 am. This seven-week class starts February 28 and the fee is \$70 for Art Center members, and \$85 for non-members. Enrollment is limited, so please call the MAC at 748-1266 to register.

Lisa Baltz will be continuing her art exploration classes at the MAC with the help of Colleen McIntire. They will create a forum for young children to have fun and be creative exploring the wonderful world of art. This program will encourage young children to utilize small motor skills and focus their little hands on painting, sculpting, building, cutting, gluing, collaging, printing, and many other processes.

Lisa Baltz is an experienced, certified early education art teacher. She has taught art to children of all ages and was nominated "Teacher of the Year" in 1997. She has created art curriculum and education programs for private and public schools. She is a graduate of UNH's BA program as well as Wesleyan University's Masters Program for Art and Literature. Lisa is also a painter and sculptor.

Colleen McIntire, a SouthCoast native, lives in Mattapoisett with her husband and two children. Colleen is a self-taught artist and a former painter for Meg Roberts



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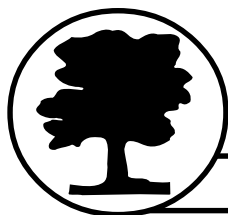
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of a Painted Peace where she did free-hand decorative painting and faux finishes on furniture, walls, floors, and the like. Colleen is also an avid sewer, a skill she learned through her mother, an accomplished seamstress.

To pre-register for all classes, please call the Marion Art Center at 748-1266.

Ham and Bean Supper

The Florence Eastman Post 280 American Legion will hold a Ham and Bean Supper on Saturday, February 24 at 5:00 pm at Post Headquarters on Depot Street. Tickets can be purchased by contacting John DeCosta at 758-2310, Michael Lamoureux at 758-9311, and Evelyn Pursley at 758-3329. Please come and help support the American Legion Post!

Rochester Town Clerk

Dog Licenses

The 2001 Dog Licenses are now available from the Town Clerk's office. The fees are \$7 for neutered/spayed dogs; \$10 intact dog; and Kennel Licenses \$30, \$60 or \$120. Rabies information must be provided in order to obtain a dog license.

2001 Census

The census forms are being mailed this week. The Town Clerk's office would appreciate your help in conducting the annual census. Please fill out and return this important document as soon as possible. Thank you.

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Annual Election

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Marion Council on Aging

Nurses Return

The nurses have returned! The Marion Council on Aging (COA) is fortunate to have student nurses from the UMass Dartmouth School of Nursing make weekly visits to frail elders residing in the community. The student nurses, who are supervised by a clinical nursing professor and COA Outreach Coordinator, have the opportunity to

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Book Discussion

Do you enjoy reading? The Marion COA would like to start a Book Discussion Group. If interested, please call the COA at 748-3570.

Tax Assistance

Tax Assistance will be available this year through the Marion COA. Appointments are needed and will begin in February.

Applications

Many applications are now available at the Marion COA office such as: fuel assistance, Senior Pharmacy Program, Safe Return Program, Enhanced 911, Police Reassurance, and the like. If you need assistance with these or any other forms, the COA will be glad to help either in the office or in your home. Please call 748-3570 for more information.

Rochester Council on Aging

- Thursday, February 22 - Crafts at the Senior Center Trailer with Dot Tuttle, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.
- Saturday, February 24 - SERVE (SHARE) Pick-Up, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at the Town Hall — you must be there to pick up your package. Please call if there is a problem (763-8723).
- Monday, February 26 - Tour to Lizzie Borden House. Van will leave at 9:30 am from the Rochester Town Hall, reservations are a must! (There is a limited amount of seating on the van, and lunch will be on your own.)

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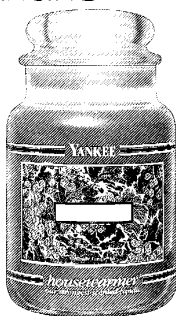
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• Tuesday, February 27 - AARP Meeting at 1:00 pm in the Rochester Town Hall. Guest speaker will be Joan Thompson from RSVP.

Benefit Dance in Mattapoisett

The Friends of Paul Hubbard will sponsor a Benefit Dance to help defray the cost of a handicap-accessible van on Saturday, March 3 from 7:00 pm to 12:00 midnight at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Route 6 in Mattapoisett. Donation is \$10 per person and no children under 10 years of age will be admitted. For tickets, please call Donna at 758-9838 or Lynne at 991-3164.

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Rochester Girls Softball

Signups for girls in third grade through eighth grade who wish to play softball during the 2001 season will be held on Tuesday evening from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Rochester Memorial School. Sign-up fee is \$35 per player, with family discounts. For more information, please contact Polly Lawrence at 763-2072.

Sippican School Registration

Kindergarten Registration will be held at Sippican School in Marion on February 27 and 28, 2001. Sessions will be held Tuesday evening, February 27, from 7:00 to 8:00 pm and on Wednesday morning, February 28, from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Both sessions will be held in the school cafeteria.

At this time parents will receive an overview of the Kindergarten program, registration forms will be processed, and new parents will have the opportunity to meet with the School Adjustment Counselor. A copy of each student's updated immunization record must be submitted at the time of registration, to include verification of lead screening, Hepatitis B vaccination, and other immunizations. A copy of each student's original birth certificate will be taken.

Information and forms has been mailed to the parents of all prospective Kindergarteners. Any parent not receiving this information should call Ms. Brodeur at

Sippican School between 10:00 am and 2:30 pm at 748-0100.

Marion Natural History Museum

Summer Camp 2001

The Marion Natural History Museum is once again offering a summer program this year. The curriculum will incorporate aspects of the Sippican watershed. Utilizing not only the museum's resources but the watershed features of the Town of Marion, they will be looking at both salt and fresh water ecosystems such as salt marshes, river and streams, seining the coastline, studying the intertidal zone, and freshwater marshes among other topics.

They will be offering two two-week half-day sessions (9:00 to 12:00). One will be from July 9 through July 20 and another from August 6 through August 17. The camp will be broken into two groups, grades entering 1 and 2 and another for grades entering 3 and 4. Maximum number of students per group is 15, so register early! Registration forms are available at the Marion Natural History Museum or in the entrance hall of the Elizabeth Taber Library.

Help Wanted

The Marion Natural History Museum is looking for two Massachusetts Certified Teachers and two educational aides to implement the summer camp curriculum. If interested, please send a resume to: Marion Natural History Museum; P.O. Box 644; Marion, MA 02738.

The Marion Natural History Museum is looking for someone to help maintain open hours from 3:00 to 5:00 pm on Monday. This position will most likely grow to include more hours and will include occasional substitute hours for the Director. This is a good job for someone with a Science or Education background who is home with children and would like to keep their resume current. Please send a resume to the Marion Natural History Museum, P.O. Box 644, Marion, MA 02738, or call 748-2098 for more information.

After School Programs

The Marion Natural History Museum has scheduled several Winter/Spring 2001 After School Programs, including:

- Vernal Pools - On Wednesday, March 28 at 3:30 pm: This program will entail watching a slide show and investigating live specimens of the amphibians and reptiles that need these vital habitats to survive.
- Spring Has Sprung - Wednesday, April 25 at 3:30 pm: The group hits the woods to investigate signs of spring. They'll be looking for emergent plant life, salamanders, and birds during a walk through Holmes Brook woods.
- Saltmarsh Walk - Friday, June 1 at 3:30 pm: Fred Hutchings, Sippican School teacher and museum president, will lead this annual favorite. They will be



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looking at the plants and annuals that inhabit this fragile environment. (This program requires a permission slip.)

• Skin and Scales - Wednesday, June 6 at 3:30 pm: Leo Spinner will be bringing in his amazing reptiles! A Burmese Python shed his skin during the program last year! Come see what will happen this year.

The cost for all programs is \$4 for member and \$5 for non-members. Pre-registration and pre-payment is requested, and interested participants can pre-register with the museum (located upstairs from the Elizabeth Taber Library), not at the library or school. To register or for more information, please contact the Marion Natural History Museum, P.O. Box 644, Marion, MA 02738, telephone (508) 748-2098.

Cans for Bands

The staff and students at Old Hammondtown School in Mattapoisett would like to thank everyone who participated recently in the "Cans for Bands" drive, which was a great success! Because of continued interest and the ease of dropping off bottles and cans, the drive will continue. The last Saturday of every month, you can drop off your redeemable bottles and cans at Old Hammondtown School from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.

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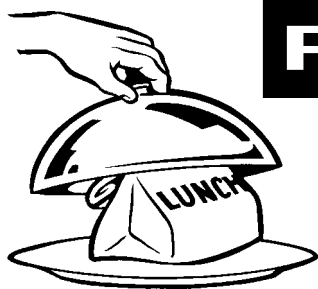
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Tuesday, February 27 – Baked chicken, ham sandwich, mashed potatoes, corn, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, February 28 – Beef taco, bologna sandwich, rice, lettuce and tomato, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, March 1 – Hot dog on a roll, ham sandwich, potato puffs, carrots, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, March 2 – NO SCHOOL (no lunch served).

■ COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION

Monday, February 26 – Minestrone soup, turkey ham with raisin sauce, red bliss potato, oatmeal roll, smoothie.

Tuesday, February 27 – Sausage cacciatore, rotini with sauce, Genoa blend, Scali bread, fruit in light syrup.

Wednesday, February 28 – ASH WEDNESDAY: Salmon with lemon dill sauce, rice pilaf, glazed carrots, Parker House roll, birthday cake, graham wafer.

Thursday, March 1 – Beef strip steak, whipped potato, Harvard beets, light rye bread, fruit in light syrup.

Friday, March 2 – Lasagna, cut green beans, whole wheat bread, fresh fruit.

■ CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, February 26 – French toast sticks, sausages, toasted cheese, soup, veggie sticks, warm cinnamon apple slices, milk.

Tuesday, February 27 – Beef taco, lettuce, tomato, cheese, ham and cheese sub, nachos, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, February 28 – American chop suey, garlic bread, chicken teriyaki soft taco, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

■ FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY and ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

Monday, February 26 – Cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, chicken breast patty club, baked pork chop with gravy, rice pilaf, corn niblets, chilled applesauce, chocolate pudding with topping.

Tuesday, February 27 – Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/cheeseburger, mac rib sub, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, chilled pears, fruit and nut bar.

Wednesday, February 28 – ASH WEDNESDAY: Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, egg salad, tuna salad sub, bag of Lay's potato chips, chilled pineapple, chocolate chip cookie.

■ FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, February 26 – Kentucky style chicken, bacon/lettuce/tomato sandwich, mac rib sub, scalloped potatoes, peas, chilled peaches, vanilla pudding with topping.

Tuesday, February 27 – Chicken fritter bits, ham salad pocket, chicken chow mein noodles, fried rice, Oriental vegetables, chilled pineapple, fruit and nut bar.

Wednesday, February 28 –

Broccoli and cheese with stuffed shells, sauce, grated mozzarella, garlic bread, seafood salad pocket, hamburger/cheeseburger, potato wedges, tossed salad, chilled pears, chocolate chip cookie.

■ HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL – FAIRHAVEN

Monday, February 26 – Cheese pizza, pepperoni pizza, chicken breast patty club, baked pork chop with gravy, rice pilaf, corn niblets, chilled applesauce, chocolate pudding with topping.

Tuesday, February 27 – Kentucky style chicken, hamburger/cheeseburger, mac rib sub, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, chilled pears, fruit and nut bar.

Wednesday, February 28 – EARLY RELEASE (no lunch served).

■ MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, February 26 – French toast sticks, sausages, toasted cheese, soup, veggie sticks, warm cinnamon apple slices, milk.

Tuesday, February 27 – Beef taco, lettuce, tomato, cheese, ham and cheese sub, nachos, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, February 28 – American chop suey, garlic bread, chicken teriyaki soft taco, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

■ OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL – MATTAPOISETT

Monday, February 26 – French toast sticks, sausages, toasted cheese, soup, veggie sticks, warm cinnamon apple slices, milk.

Tuesday, February 27 – Beef taco, lettuce, tomato, cheese, ham and cheese sub, nachos, soup, fruit,

dessert, milk.

Wednesday, February 28 – American chop suey, garlic bread, chicken teriyaki soft taco, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

■ ORR JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, February 26 – Soup, chicken parmesan, French fries, wings of fire, pepperoni calzone, veggie sticks, fruit, juice or milk.

Tuesday, February 27 – Soup, French toast with sausage, chicken patty, onion rings, warm apple slices, hash brown potatoes, dessert, juice or milk.

Wednesday, February 28 – Soup, meat ravioli, chicken nuggets, scallop roll, garlic bread, salad, dessert, juice or milk.

Thursday, March 1 – Soup, teriyaki chicken fajita, hot dog or linguica with cheese pocket, lettuce, tomato, nachos, cheese sauce, dessert, juice or milk.

Friday, March 2 – HALF DAY: Muffins, bagels, fruit, juice or milk.

■ SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, February 26 – French toast sticks, sausages, toasted cheese, soup, veggie sticks, warm cinnamon apple slices, milk.

Tuesday, February 27 – Beef taco, lettuce, tomato, cheese, ham and cheese sub, nachos, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, February 28 – American chop suey, garlic bread, chicken teriyaki soft taco, tossed salad, soup, fruit, dessert, milk.

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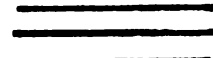
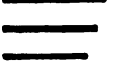
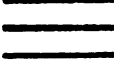
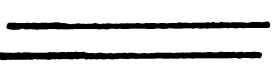
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Ghosts of Injustice Past

By **Kenneth J. Souza**
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One of the most notorious true crime cases in Massachusetts history — running a close second behind the infamous Lizzie Borden of Fall River legend — has to be the sensational (and, many would argue, overly-hasty) execution of Sacco and Vanzetti, two Italian “anarchists” who were convicted of the murders of a Braintree paymaster and guard during a holdup in April, 1920 which netted \$16,000. Unlike the well-to-do (and quickly acquitted) Miss Lizzie, however, the fate of shoemaker Nicola Sacco and fish peddler Bartolomeo Vanzetti — both poor immigrants — likely had more to do with an anti-Italian prejudice prevalent at the time in Boston than any factual evidence introduced in their trial.

First-time novelist **William Brennan** of Marion uses that key bone of contention in the commonwealth’s history as a springboard to examine the changing attitudes of those living in and around the Hub through the early 20th century in his compelling historical novel, *A Tattered Coat Upon A Stick*. Equal parts portrait of an Irish family learning to cope with World War I, prohibition, and the Boston police strike; and equal parts true-crime study of Bartolomeo Vanzetti, who winds up on death row at the Charlestown State Penitentiary — where the novel’s protagonist, Emmett Magawley, has secured a politically-appointed job after the war — the book is compelling not only for its descriptive flashes of local history, but also for its richly-textured portrayal of Boston life in the 1920s, where people were decidedly segregated by culture, heritage, politics and religion.

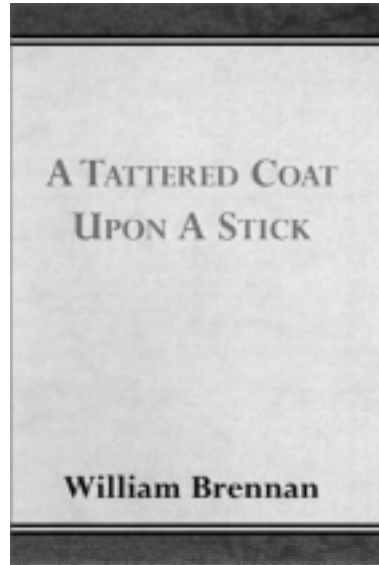
“When I was in my early teens, we were standing around a street corner in Brockton ... and these two local guys came by and (were) getting really angry,” Mr. Brennan explained of his first encounter with the names Sacco and Vanzetti. “They were ready to fight about whether a couple of Italians ... did it or not. They were going to kill each other over something I knew nothing about.”

It was this realization of the passionate prejudices and biases against certain ethnic groups which eventually inspired Mr. Brennan to write his first novel and use the well-known Sacco and Vanzetti case to point up past bigotry he encountered throughout his own life.

“I tried to figure out how I could write a novel about the old neighborhood,” Mr. Brennan said. “I did a sociological study that confirmed my old neighborhood was quite typical. They were afraid — they were told what to think.”

An avid reader who also remains active in Marion town politics, Mr. Brennan counts among his literary influences the likes of Mark Twain, Charles Dickens, and Ernest Hemingway — and with his impressive and auspicious first novel, it’s easy to detect an undeniable talent for stylish and descriptive prose which is both elegant and readable. I found myself devouring the book over a two-day period — a rarity for a slow reader with ample distractions to fill my time.

Like a bound version of the scales of justice itself, Mr.



Brennan’s compact and concise style effectively balances Emmett’s sear life lessons with the resigned acceptance of Vanzetti’s ultimate fate — and his lasting mark on history. Indeed, the latter half of the novel plays like an updated Shakespearean tragedy in which the outcome has already been predetermined. With shades of Stephen King’s prison melodrama *The Green Mile*, Mr. Brennan’s poignant parable serves not only to entertain, but hopefully to allow us to learn from past mistakes.

And with the seventy-fifth anniversary of the execution fast-approaching in 2002, the novel may help add more fuel to the fire in pushing for an annulment of the duo’s questionable conviction.

My only minor quibble with the book is that the two halves could have been broken out into equally-interesting, self-contained novels — one dealing solely with Emmett Magawley’s life growing up as an Irish Catholic in Boston in the early 1900s, and the other about his eye-opening experiences working in the Charlestown State Penitentiary and his eventual befriending of Vanzetti. But I don’t think that was Mr. Brennan’s intention, and it’s always a good idea to leave your audience “wanting more,” as they say.

To that end, Mr. Brennan is already at work on his next fiction venture: a historical novel focusing on the Civil War set in Washington, where the author worked for some 30 years with the U.S. Department of Energy.

As for Mr. Brennan’s first writing experience, he’s thrilled that *A Tattered Coat Upon A Stick* has been selling quite well both locally and nationwide, where those interested in the Sacco and Vanzetti case have picked it up through online venues such as Amazon.com and XLibris.com (which published the book). For him, it was all a labor of love and something that he hopes to continue and build upon.

“It took me three-and-a-half years to do the research and writing,” he said of his literary debut. “I don’t work at it full-time, (but) I try to work everyday. It’s a pleasure ... it’s not really work in that sense.”

A Tattered Coat Upon A Stick by William Brennan is available at local bookstores including The Bookstall in Marion, and Baker’s Books and Barnes & Noble in Dartmouth, and can also be ordered online through Amazon.com or directly from XLibris.com.

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the Twelfth National Exhibition of the Society of Marine Artists, nearly 30 are from New England and one is from Mattapoisett.

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- Wareham Road – motor vehicle complaint
- Mill Street – motor vehicle accident/property damage
- Front Street – officer wanted/adult arrest (violation/abuse of prevention order)
- Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Benson Brook Road – suspicious person
- Park Street – suspicious activity
- Water Street – vandalism/past
- Creek Road – assist municipal agency
- Mill Street – family disturbance
- Water Street – vandalism/past
- South Street – vandalism/past
- Mill Street – mental assist
- Water Street – vandalism/past
- Wilson Road – adult arrest (warrant, forgery)
- Water Street – vandalism/past
- Water Street – vandalism/past
- Delano Road – found property
- Joanne Drive – animal complaint
- Wareham Road – animal complaint
- Washburn Park Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Marconi Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
- Main Street – suspicious activity
- Front Street – animal complaint
- Spring Street – school disturbance
- Front Street – animal complaint
- Main Street – parking violation
- Spring Street – parking violation
- ORR High School – assist other

police department

- Front Street – officer wanted
- Delano Road – motor vehicle complaint
- Joanne Drive – animal complaint
- Weweantic River – waterways complaint
- Cove Street – animal complaint
- Barnabas Road – suspicious person
- Route 195 West – motor vehicle complaint
- Point Road – animal complaint
- Pawkechatt Way – medical emergency.

■ MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 11 through February 17, 2001:

- North Street – traffic lights broken
- River Road – past larceny
- County Road – returned property
- Tinkham Lane – suspicious motor vehicle
- Long Plain Road – vandalism/property damage
- Industrial Drive – harassing phone calls
- Industrial Drive – suspicious motor vehicle
- Fairhaven Road – report of gas odor within building
- Tinkham Lane – teenagers being unruly
- County Road – request for highway department
- Prospect Road – larceny
- North Street – cable wire down
- Fairhaven Road – suspicious person
- Fairhaven Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road – minor motor vehicle accident
- Marion Road – past larceny
- Hiawatha Lane – vehicle traveling at high speed
- Park Street – past vandalism
- Brandt Island Road – found dog
- Church Street Extension – cat struck by vehicle
- Crooked Bow Path – harassing

phone calls

- Church Street – kids missing
- County Road – motor vehicle violation
- Abby Lane – youths in street/skateboarding
- Angelica Avenue – motor vehicle accident/hit and run
- Shaw Street – suspicious activity
- County Road – suspicious persons
- Marion Road – motor vehicle accident
- Island View Avenue – harassing phone calls
- Marina Drive – caller reports son out of control.

■ ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of February 13 through February 19, 2001:

- Clapp Road – highway matter
- Snipatuit Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- New Bedford Road – animal control matter
- Mattapoisett Road – deer hit by car
- Mattapoisett Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- New Bedford Road – animal complaint
- Snipatuit Road – animal control matter
- Route 105 – suspicious motor vehicle
- Burgess Avenue – animal complaint
- Mary's Pond Road – suspicious activity
- Memorial School – suspicious motor vehicle
- County Road – adult arrest (warrant)
- Mattapoisett Road – suspicious person
- New Bedford Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Marion Road – officer wanted
- Vaughan Hill Road – suspicious motor vehicle
- Walnut Plain Road – adult arrest (minor in possession of alcohol).

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Regional Housing Rehabilitation

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Rochester Country Fair

The Rochester Country Fair Committee is proud to announce their first fund-raising event for the town's Second Annual Country Fair Celebration scheduled to step off on August 17 to 19, 2001. Please support the Rochester Country Fair Committee by attending their Dinner/Dance featuring The Relics on Friday, March 16, 2001. The evening's events will take place at the Redman Hall located at 758 Main Street, Wareham.

A Black Angus Roast Beef Dinner Buffet will be served at 7:00 pm, with live music by The Relics starting at 8:00 pm. Other events of that evening will include a 50/50 Raffle as well as a Chinese (no, make that a Leprechaun) Auction.

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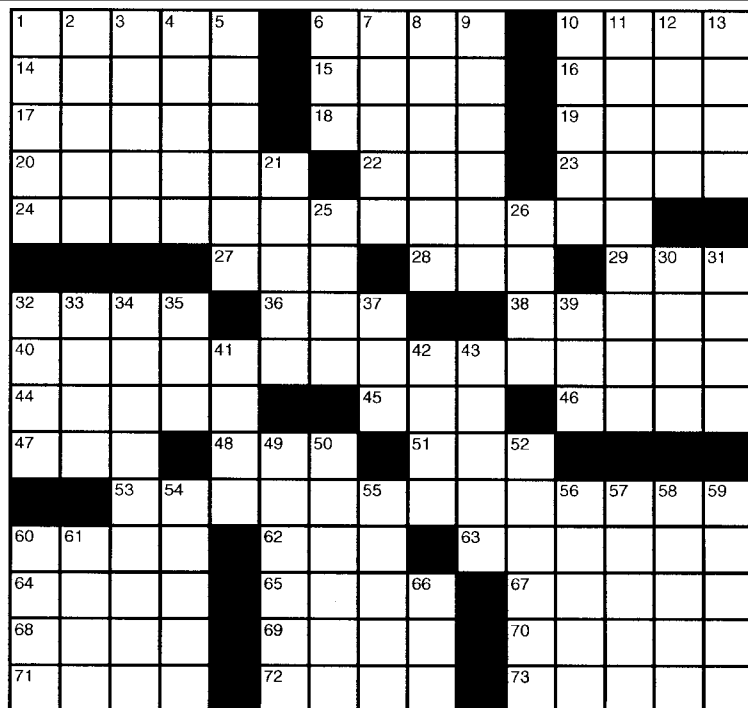
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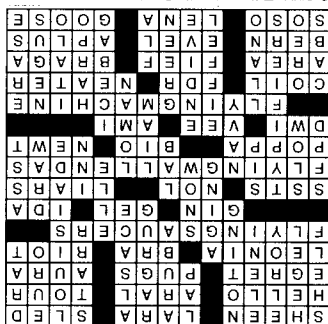
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This Week's Horoscope

by Lasha Seniuk

Aries (March 21-April 20). Colleagues and key officials may request special business advice. Work limitations or short-term contracts are now complex.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Social and romantic attractions are a major influence. Sensuality, emotional triangles and new friendship will be difficult to resist.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Newly proposed business relationships have been limited to slow progress or stalled negotiations. Now, solid rewards will be forthcoming.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Expect a close friend or relative to suggest unusual business solutions. Social influences can help resolve long-standing workplace struggles.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Focus on long-term goals and new business strategies: Workplace ideas introduced will now become firmly established.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A close friend may be particularly moody or introspective. Recent romantic changes or family disruptions may now cause someone close to question their emotional security or long-term plans.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Long-term work decisions and career intuition will now work in your favor.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Stand your ground in romantic or family power struggles. Public honesty and emotional integrity will be a key concern.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Small duties and the completion of recently forgotten tasks may be the only source of emotional security for anxious authority figures.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). A distant romance or unspoken attraction may become unavoidable. Expect previously shy lovers or new friends to offer subtle gestures.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Inner journeys, quick intuitions or flashes of insight are a strong influence.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Subtle home communications and deep feelings of intimacy are on the agenda. Expect loved ones to gently express their dedication.

If Your Birthday Is This Week: Expect short-term business gains. Some Pisceans may also experience a powerful expansion of workplace options.

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The Rochester Country Fair Committee welcomes your support. If you would like to donate an item towards the Chinese Auction or would like additional information, please contact one of the following committee members: Slim Bernier (763-2414); Chris Faustino (763-8193); John or Pat Lafleur (763-8910); Duffy Clapp (965-6491); Julie Koczera (763-9610); or Art Westgate (763-2486). You may also visit their website at www.rochesterma.com/celebration2001.htm.

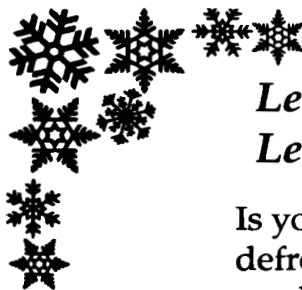
Sippican Rod and Gun Club

The Sippican Rod and Gun Club, Inc. will be sponsoring a Winter Hunting Raffle for a trip from November 8 to 12, 2001. The winner will be Pheasant hunting in South Dakota on private and public land and in Nebraska on Conservation Reserve Program and private land. Participants will also be duck hunting from blinds along the Missouri River, weather-permitting. For seven out of the last eight years, the weather has not been very good.

Accommodations will be in the Yankton area of Southeastern South Dakota along the Missouri River. Winner must have FID card and follow all federal laws in order to transport firearms. Airfare will be donated by Howard Waldron and Sippican Rod and Gun Club will provide all licenses and ground transportation. Winner

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Mattapoisett Business Group

Would you like to see your business grow? The Mattapoisett Chapter of the Business Network International (BNI), a non-competitor group, is looking for business representatives to join them. They are a networking group that generates leads and referrals for others and builds healthy relationships. Networking is the most effective marketing tool today. The group meets every Thursday morning at 7:00 am sharp at the American Legion Hall on Depot Street in Mattapoisett. They share networking skills and techniques to help obtain referrals to help build business. Why not stop in and visit them and learn how you can help your business grow? For more information on how to join the group or perhaps just to visit, please call either Mary Gibbs (775-0500), Sandy Frias (993-0580), or Terrie Cole (748-3334).

Sippican Senior Travel

The following trips are sponsored by Sippican Senior Travel — anyone wishing to join the group on these trips are welcome. Please call Natalie Sullivan at 748-1467 for more information.

- March 14 - Best of Times Irish Bash at Lantana's in Randolph. Music and comedy from Ireland with Andy Cooney and Canal Gallen. Lunch is top sirloin or baked stuffed chicken breast. Price: \$53 per person.

- April 22 - Newport Playhouse and Cabaret Restaurant featuring "Murder at the Howard Johnson's" comedy and the famous "all you can eat" buffet. Price: \$58 per person.

- April 30 to May 4 - Wildwood, NJ at Aqua Beach Motel, includes two dinners, four breakfasts, and an "all you can eat" casino buffet. Two trips to Atlantic City with bonus, Dixieland Cruise, visit to Cape May (five-day trip). Price: \$265 double, \$261 triple, and \$330 single.

- May 23 - Boston Duck Tour with lunch at Amelia's in Quincy including broiled salmon or London broil. Tour on amphibious landing vehicle and splashing into the Charles River. Price: \$49 per person.

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- Foxwoods Trips with Sippican Seniors are scheduled for Thursdays: February 22; March 22; April 12; May 17; June 14; July 19. Bus leaves from the VFW Pavilion on Route 6 in Marion at 8:00 am. The cost is \$15 per person, with a \$30 bonus back at casino (subject to change). Please call Natalie Sullivan at 748-1467 for more details.

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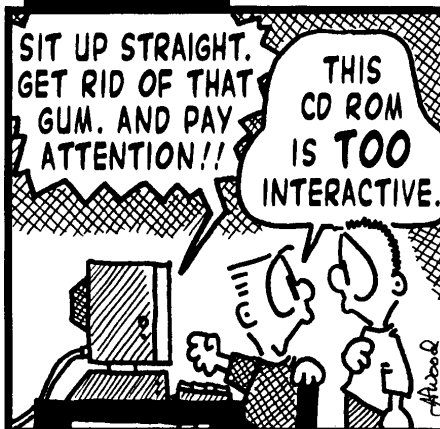
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Selectman, 3 years (Loretta B. Schaefer, incumbent); Assessor, 3 years (Bradford N. Eames, incumbent); Moderator, 1 year (David B. Titus, incumbent); Board of Health, 3 years (Albin R. Johnson III, incumbent); Planning Board, 3 years (Robert F. Bennett and Benjamin F. Bryant, incumbents); Marion School Committee, 3 years (Lisa R. Durr, incumbent); Open Space Acquisition Commission, 3 years (Christopher B. Bryant and William J. Brennan, incumbents); Old Rochester Regional School Committee, 3 years (Andrew N. Jeffrey, incumbent); Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational-Technical School Committee, 3 years (Eunice C. Manduca, incumbent).

Nomination papers may be obtained in the Marion Town Clerk's office, Marion Town House, 2 Spring Street, during normal office hours. They must be returned for certification by 5:00 pm on Friday, March 9, 2001.

Whaling City Rowing Club

The Whaling City Rowing Club held its annual meeting at the Community Room of the South Coast Learning Network last week. Over forty members of the organization attended and were treated to "Images of Rowing," a slide show chronicling the Club's activities and growth over the last two years. The slide show featured photographs of New Bedford harbor at sunrise, and sunset, the Slocums and Westport Rivers during autumn foliage, and rows across Buzzards Bay, as well as the Independence Day Whaleboat Race and the Club's after school programs. Executive Director Lucy Iannotti reported that the Club's youth rowing programs had served over 100 young people from New Bedford and surrounding communities during the last year. She also reported that in the past year the Club's adult membership had doubled. Outgoing President David Prentiss and Treasurer Paula Almeida were honored for their past services.

The Club's newly elected President is Robert Bowen. Mr. Bowen is a professor of marine policy in the graduate department of Environmental Coastal & Ocean Sciences at UMass Boston and the new UMASS Intercampus Graduate School of Marine Science & Technology. He resides in New Bedford. The new Vice President is Bart Nourse, Co-Director of the South Coast Learning Network. Mr. Nourse lives in Marion. Jeffrey Larsen, Minister of the Congregational Church of South Dartmouth, was elected Secretary. Rev. Larsen lives in South Dartmouth. David Gilbertson was elected Treasurer. Mr. Gilbertson lives in New Bedford and is the President of Tokai International, Inc. Louis Doherty, who

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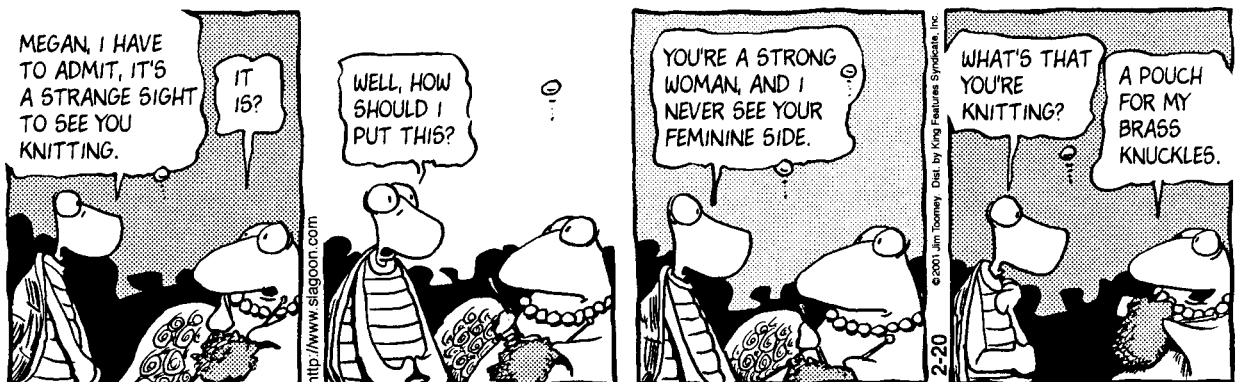
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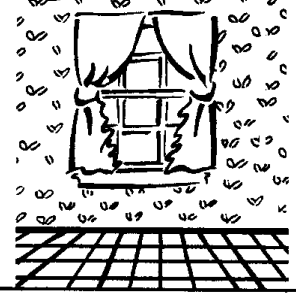
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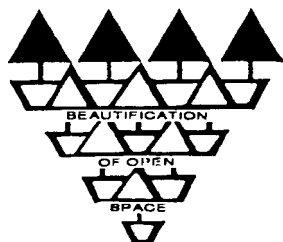
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Scheduled sessions and topics include: March 7 - Developing a New Identity, Part II; March 21 - Coping with Painful Feelings; April 4 - Guest Speaker; April 18 - Coping with Painful Feelings; May 2 - Improving Self-Care; May 16 - Memorializing; June 6 - Coping with Stress; June 20 - Termination/Final Group.

For additional information or to register, please contact Sue Vincent, LICSW, Bereavement Coordinator, at (508) 999-3400. Groups are free of charge and open to the community. Donations are gratefully accepted.

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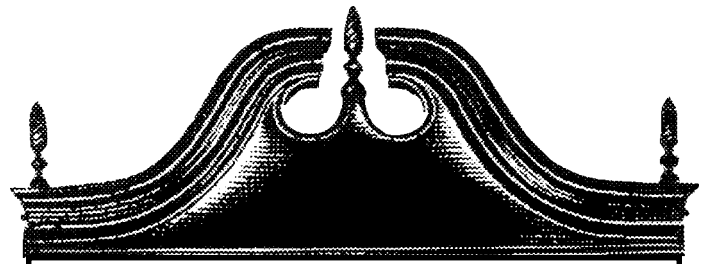
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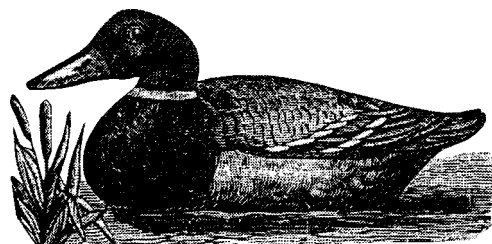
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Feb. 23:	Fri.	8:02	8:15	1:15	1:46
Feb. 24:	Sat.	8:36	8:49	1:55	2:19
Feb. 25:	Sun.	9:10	9:25	2:32	2:50
Feb. 26:	Mon.	9:48	10:02	3:07	3:21
Feb. 27:	Tues.	10:28	10:43	3:42	3:53
Feb. 28:	Wed.	11:13	11:29	4:19	4:29
Mar. 1:	Thurs.	...	12:03	5:03	5:13
Mar. 2:	Fri.	12:20	12:56	5:58	6:06
Mar. 3:	Sat.	1:17	1:56	7:16	7:13
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Mar. 7:	Wed.	5:43	6:09	11:58	11:47
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Mar. 9:	Fri.	7:27	7:51	12:43	1:27
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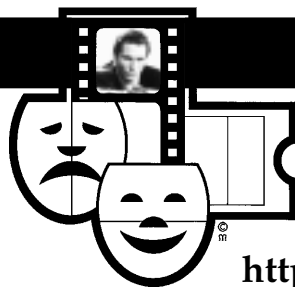
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Chocolat. Starring Juliette Binoche and Johnny Depp. Directed by Lasse Hallström. Running time: 121 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. At Cinema 12 at the North Dartmouth Mall and Flagship Cinemas in New Bedford.

As soon as I saw the mother and daughter trudging into the quaint French village wearing matching red cloaks, I knew *Chocolat* was going to be one of *those* movies. Whimsical, uplifting, politically correct, resolutely unchallenging, predictable right down to the floor, *Chocolat* is the sort of warmed-over, food-oriented "magic realism" many otherwise sensible people seem to fall for. It takes the radical stance that people should indulge their pleasures, unless they're really mean, in which case they should eat some chocolate and learn to be nice.

The matching mother and daughter are Vienne (Juliette Binoche) and Anouk (Victoire Thivisol), who seem to be ushered into town by a strong wind that apparently tells them when it's time to move on. (I felt that wind about half an hour into the movie, but managed to resist it.) Many of the locals distrust Vienne and Anouk on sight, perhaps because, in this allegedly French village, Binoche and Thivisol are almost the only people onscreen who are actually *French* — the cast of colorful French locals includes four Brits, two Swedes, and a Canadian (from British Columbia, mind you). I mean, sheesh, the allegedly American town in *Dancer in the Dark* where poor David Morse seemed to be the only American around was more credible than this crew, who in any event don't act any more French than I do.

Vienne and her cutie-pie daughter (who, very unfortunately, has an imaginary kangaroo friend) settle in and open up a *chocolaterie*. The village mayor, Comte de Reynaud (Alfred Molina), reacts as if they had opened a whorehouse. This heavily religious mayor, who frowns on culinary indulgence during Lent, has nothing else to do with his day but go around smearing Vienne's name. She makes *chocolates*! And encourages people to *eat* them! Good Lord, protect us from this concubine of Satan! (Protect us also from writers — Robert Nelson Davis, adapting Joanne Harris' book — who simplistically equate faith with prudish meanness.)

Of course, Vienne helps a lot of people. She helps her cranky landlady (Judi Dench) to reconcile with her grandson (Aurelien Parent Koenig), who has an overprotective mother (Carrie-Anne Moss, light-years away from *The Matrix*). She helps a frazzled, abused woman (Lena Olin) who has the misfortune to be married to



the abusive Peter Stormare. The movie uses both Stormare and Olin stupidly; Olin deserves luscious, outsize roles — it's too depressing to watch her be gentled into this sort of *Spitfire Grill* character (come to think of it, this entire movie is a fancy-pants version of *Spitfire Grill*) — and Stormare has been cast as a heavy so often that a change of pace like his compassionate *Dancer in the Dark* role is a relief.

Johnny Depp turns up midway through the film, as some sort of Irish pirate; he effortlessly makes his scenes more interesting, because you feel that he's just dropping by — the mediocrity of his surroundings doesn't stain his clothes much. He, too, plays an outcast, and he comes along at just the right time to catch Vienne's eye and inflame tensions in the village even more. The mayor keeps grinding his teeth about the moral turpitude of Vienne and her new playmate, and everyone unaccountably listens to him; why they should do so, when there's no apparent police force in town to back him up, is beyond me and probably the screenwriter too.

Everything leads to a near-tragedy as well as a scene where a character dies peacefully in her sleep (no one seems terribly affected by this, not even her relatives) — of *diabetes*, yet, which makes the film's chocolate-as-transcendence metaphor look sort of goofy. And if you've seen more than one movie, you know what has to happen with the mayor — he finally tastes the chocolate, which magically cleanses his soul and brightens his attitude, as if he were some Rankin-Bass villain who learns to believe in Frosty the Snowman. There follows an enormous celebration, with the village streets swarming with revellers and fire-breathing, juggling circus acts — not bad for a town that had seemed to have a population of about fifteen before. All of this smug whimsy gets to be too much, I think, for Anouk's imaginary kangaroo friend, which we see hopping away at the end — perhaps in search of another girl who needs comfort in another threadbare little fable.

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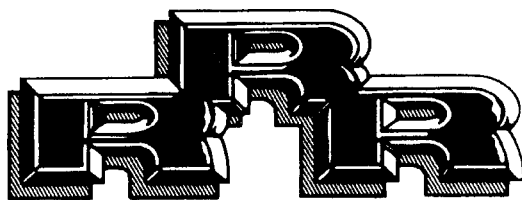
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